

Appendix E

Backcountry Permit

The following is an example of the complete text on the back of the current backcountry permit.



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK
BACKCOUNTRY USE PERMIT



A BACKCOUNTRY USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL OVERNIGHT BACKCOUNTRY USE AND MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PACK WHILE HIKE TO YOUR CAMPSITE AND ON YOUR TENT AT THE CAMPSITE.

- ◆ This permit is valid only for the dates and camp areas listed.
- ◆ A displayed "dash tag" is required for overnight parking.
- ◆ Camp must be established on designated tent pads where provided or within 15' of the metal arrowhead that marks the designated site.
- ◆ Use pit toilets where provided, otherwise dig a 6" deep "cat-hole" at least 200' (70 adult steps) from water, trails and campsites.

In order to protect park resources and minimize impacts, the following are PROHIBITED everywhere in the backcountry:

- ◆ Pets, weapons, and vehicles (including bicycles)
- ◆ Fires (except at specific sites with metal fire rings)
- ◆ Hunting, feeding, approaching or disturbing wildlife
- ◆ Removing or disturbing natural features
- ◆ Trenching around tents and camps
- ◆ Shortcutting between trail switchbacks
- ◆ Littering or leaving trash in sites or pit toilets
- ◆ Washing dishes or bathing within 200' (70 adult steps) of water.

In addition to the above general regulations, special regulations apply to designated sites, cross-country zones, stock, bivouac, winter backcountry camping, and fishing. Familiarize yourself with these regulations.

FOR YOUR SAFETY...

- ◆ Check upcoming weather before departure
- ◆ Summer: **expect extreme weather & lightning**
- ◆ Winter: **expect extreme winter conditions & avalanches**
- ◆ Bring appropriate gear
- ◆ Hang food wherever possible and purify all water
- ◆ Be prepared for hazards. Know and take precautions
- ◆ Inform someone at home of your trip itinerary.

By my signature below, I confirm that I have received, read, understand and agree that all members of my party will know and abide by all backcountry rules and regulations. I understand that trip leaders and/or party members can be cited for violations of park rules and regulations. I assume complete responsibility for my own safety and that of my group while hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Trip Leader Signature

Date



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